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MILWAUKEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2011 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Event hosted by Supervisor Nikiya Harris and the American Legion

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's 2011 Student Government Day is set for Thursday, March 17, as select Milwaukee County high school juniors and seniors head to the Milwaukee County Courthouse for a behind-the-scenes look at County government. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is coordinating the event in conjunction with Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris and the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion.

Teachers and guidance counselors from area high schools nominated students based on a combination of academics, leadership and community involvement. Many of these students are interested in pursuing careers in law or public service. The students represent a wide variety of high schools in Milwaukee County, including Nicolet, Wauwatosa West, West Allis Central, Washington, Pulaski, St. Francis, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, St. Thomas More, Hamilton, Community, St. Joan Antida, and Oak Creek.

"I am excited to host my first Student Government Day at the County Board," Supervisor Harris said. "Many of the students participating are interested in pursuing a career in public policy or law, so this event will be an especially eye-opening experience inside Milwaukee County government."

The Milwaukee County Board's Student Government Day begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Each student will be paired with a County Supervisor and sit on the Board floor during the meeting. The students will then have the opportunity to tour the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management System and the Courts.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion revived Student Government Day in March 2000. The event began in Wisconsin in 1954 under Milwaukee County American Legion Council Commander John Doyne.